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SUBJECT: GENSCHER VISIT TO MOSCOW: COMMUNIQUE AND SPEECH

SUMMARY: COMMUNIQUE ON VISIT OF FRG FONMIN GENSCHER
IS STRAIGHT-FORWARD DOCUMENT, BUT TASS ABRIDGEMENT
OF GENSCHER'S JUNE 14 LUNCHEON SPEECH SHOWS TENDENTIOUS
EDITING TO ELIMINATE GENSCHER'S CRITICAL TONE AND
REFERENCE TO CERTAIN PROBLEM AREAS AND TO GIVE AN
UNREALISTICALLY HIGH EVALUATION OF GENSCHER'S SATIS-
FACTION WITH THE VISIT. END SUMMARY.

1. SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS, JUNE 15 AND 16, CARRIED TASS
REPORT OF JUNE 14 GROMYKO-GENSCHER LUNCHEON SPEECHES AND
JOINT REPORT ON JUNE 13 - 15 VISIT.

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2. JOINT REPORT CONTAINS ROUTINE POTPOURI OF
ISSUES AND ATTITUDES. VISIT IS SAID TO HAVE TAKEN
PLACE IN "BUSINESSLIKE" ATMOSPHERE AND IN SPIRIT
OF "MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING." TWO SIDES NOTED PROGRESS
IN DETENTE, PAID "SPECIAL ATTENTION" TO BELGRADE
MEETING, AND EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF "STRICT
OBSERVANCE AND COMPLETE IMPLEMENTATION" OF

QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT. TWO SIDES CALLED FOR STRICT OBSERVANCE OF ALL PROVISIONS OF NPT AND ADHERENCE TO IT OF ALL STATES. SLIGHTLY OBLIQUE LANGUAGE WAS USED TO REFER TO SOVIET NON USE OF FORCE IDEA AND TO "QUESTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH" PARTICIPATION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION ON AN EQUAL BASIS.

2. MORE INTERESTING IS PRESS ABRIDGEMENT OF GENSCHER'S LUNCHEON SPEECH TO GROMYKO. FRG AMBASSADOR CALLED OUR ATTENTION TO "TENDENTIOUS" HANDLING OF GENSCHER REMARKS AND PROVIDED US GERMAN TEXT OF FULL SPEECH (COPY POUCHED TO EUR/SOV). COMPARISON BEARS OUT "TENDENTIOUS" LABEL LEAVING ASIDE NUMEROUS NUANCES WHICH ARE IN THEMSELVES INTERESTING, WE NOTE FOLLOWING MAJOR POINTS.

3. TASS OMITTS GENSCHER'S
--- FAVORABLE REFERENCES TO EXCHANGES AND MEETING BETWEEN PEOPLES, AND TO HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS INCLUDING FAMILY REUNIFICATION;
-- COMMENTS ON GERMAN-SOVIET ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL RELATIONS AND COOPERATION AS WELL AS HIS EXTENDED COMMENTS ON COMMON "RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES" TOWARD THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;
-- STRONG REFERENCE TO QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT AND TO BERLIN ITSELF "FOR WHICH THE HEARTS OF THE GERMANS BEAT."
-- REMARKS ON DISARMAMENT INCLUDING REFERENCE TO
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SALT AND MBFR;
-- STATEMENT ON DIFFICULTY OF SEPARATING DETENTE IN EUROPE FROM DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

4. TASS, IN OUR OPINION, EDITS AND REARRANGES MANY OF GENSCHER'S OTHER REMARKS IN A WAY WHICH
A) MAKES HIM SOUND MORE SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS OF HIS VISIT THAN HIS ORIGINAL REMARKS WOULD INDICATE, AND B) MUTES THE THEME RUNNING THROUGH HIS SPEECH OF LIMITATIONS ON THE RELATIONSHIP, OF PROBLEMS TO BE SOLVED, PROGRAMS TO BE FULFILLED, AND MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO BE RECOGNIZED.
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